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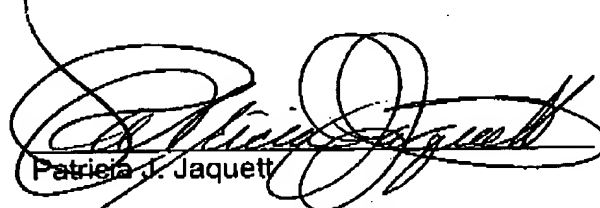
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Sir:

As a result of a telephonic request made today by Examiner D.L. Negron, for the convenience of the Office, Applicant respectfully submits the attached Form PTO-1449 as a substitute for the sheet entitled "Information Under 37 CFR §1.56" which was timely and properly submitted with the present application on 11 July 2001 in fulfillment of Applicant's duty of disclosure. Applicant further respectfully requests printing of the listed information on the face of any patent issuing hereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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